

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the section "Brief description of the figures," please replace the descriptions of figures 1-8 with the following:

- Fig. 1 shows a known architecture including a public access gateway providing WEP based authentication, and filtering if the provided authentication is not proved,
- fig. 2 shows a network architecture according to a first alternative of a first embodiment of the invention, including a Public Access Control gateway (PAC) PAG,
- fig. 3 shows a flowchart for an Access Point (AP) of a first alternative of a first embodiment according to the invention, the Access Point (AP) residing in a network architecture as shown in fig. 2,
- fig. 4 shows aspects of the signalling protocol relating to a legacy station, the associated AP and the Public Access Control gateway (PAC) PAG according to the first alternative of a first embodiment of the invention, the Access Point (AP) operating as shown in fig. 3,
- fig. 5 shows aspects of the signalling protocol relating to an 802.11i station, the associated AP and the Public Access Control gateway (PAC) PAG according to the ~~first alternative of the~~ first embodiment of the invention, the Access Point (AP) operating as shown in fig. 3,
- fig. 6 shows a flowchart for an access point of a second alternative of a first embodiment of the invention, the Access Point (AP) residing in a network architecture as shown in fig. 1,
- fig. 7 shows aspects of the signalling protocol relating to a legacy station, the associated Access Point (AP) AP and the Public Access Control gateway (PAC)

~~PAG~~ according to the second alternative of the first embodiment of the invention, the Access Point (AP) operating as shown in fig. 5, and

fig. 8 shows aspects of the signalling protocol relating to an 802.11i station, the associated Access Point (AP) and the Public Access Control gateway (PAC) ~~PAG~~, according to the second alternative of the first embodiment of the invention, the Access Point (AP) operating as shown in fig. 5.